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## Gandhi at WSC Castro's Daughter Comes to Worcester

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Editor-in-Chief

The fifth grandson of Mohandas K. "Mahatma" Gandhi made his second ever appearance at Worcester State College on the afternoon of October 5, this time attending a luncheon and roundtable of fifteen students and professors at the President's Dining Room in the Student Center. Along with being a descendent of the "Mahatma" (translated, "The Great Soul") Arun Gandhi is the co-founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Non-Violence based at Rochester University. The Gandhi Institute is dedicated to "planting the seeds of change" toward non-violence and promoting that humanity must "learn to reduce violence to a bare minimum."

Gandhi gave a very short introduction of himself, highlighting his upbringing as inextricably intertwined with the philosophy of non-violence, and his voyage from his birthplace, South Africa, to India with the ashes of his deceased father in hand at the age of twenty-four. While in India and recovering from surgery, he met his then nurse, later wife and co-founder of the Gandhi Institute, Sunanda, whom passed away in her sleep on February 21, 2007. Due to the rules of the Apartheid system in South Africa, the newlyweds could not return to Arun's South Africa home, and elected to remain in India together. There they implemented a campaign, based on the teachings of their grandfather, against the rigid, millennia old Caste System of India.

Immigrating to the United States in 1984, Gandhi first established the Gandhi Institute in Tennessee, but relocated to Rochester in 2004 due to Sunanda's deteriorating health and proximity to their daughter.

The majority of Gandhi's appearance was conducted as a dialog amongst the attendees, across many subjects, including the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Gandhi called the actions of the passengers on United Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania on that day, "a great act of non-violence [...] violence can never be completely eliminated." Gandhi compared the anger of the American people after September 11, 2001 to the anger amongst the Indian people after a British massacre of hundreds in 1930

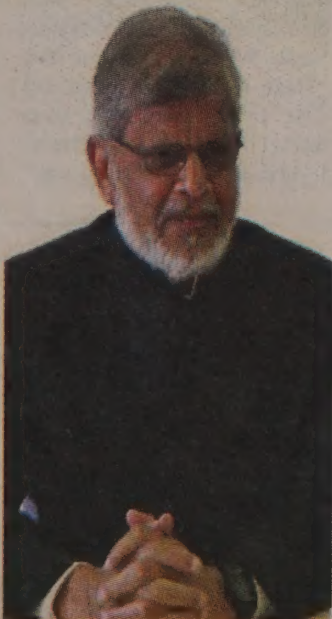
in response to his grandfather's famous "Salt March."

Arun quoted his grandfather from that time, who said "the British need to be liberated from their hate and colonialism as much as [Indians] from their political oppression."

Arun said that the causes of September 11 "haven't been addressed" and that "instead of providing moral leadership and channeling that [post-9-11] anger positively, our leadership exploited that anger [...] peace is the same for Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and Jews."

Speaking to the Agape Community, a sustainable living, Catholic, interfaith outreach community in Ware, MA, the following day, Gandhi asked the audience to "live by the Sermon on the Mount."

Arun Gandhi's appearance at WSC was made possible by the Agape Community ([www.agapecommunity.org](http://www.agapecommunity.org)), WSC's Cultural Diversity Department and WSC's Center for the Study of Human Rights. The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Non-Violence at Rochester University can be found at [www.gandhiinstitute.net](http://www.gandhiinstitute.net) Arun Gandhi has authored several books, including his memoir "Legacy of Love: My Education in the Path of Nonviolence," available from North Bay Books. He also authored "The Forgotten Woman: The Untold Story of Kastur, Wife of Mahatma Gandhi" with his wife, Sunanda, which is available from Ozark Mountain Publishers.



Megan Montgomery  
Managing Editor

"I hardly speak Spanish at this time of the morning never mind English," laughs Alina Fernandez Revuelta upon approaching the podium on the twenty-seventh of September at Worcester State College's Blue Lounge. A self proclaimed night person, Revuelta is the author of two books, a lecturer at colleges throughout the United States, lab technician, and hosts the Miami radio show *Simplemente Alina*. "I am pretty lazy really," she smiles impishly. A lock of hair escapes her pony tail and her eyes dance mischievously towards the audience as though part of some big secret which is somehow escaping the crowd.

One hazy Havana summer future dictator Fidel Castro, and rising socialite Natalia Revuelta met one another in secret and from their relationship was born Alina Fernandez Revuelta. Both Castro and Revuelta were married to others but, found themselves deeply in love and united together by their struggle against Fugencia Batista, who was president of Cuba until the Castro led Cuban Revolution of 1959.

Their flame was kept alive through letters written to one another while he was imprisoned. This back fired when Castro mistakenly sent one of his love letters meant for Revuelta to his wife, bringing to light his extra-marital activity and forcing him to end his secret affair.

Tall and slim Revuelta looks more like her father than she cares to admit. Her dark eyes are a canvas of the pain she houses in her soul but, there is an inextinguishable fire found in them as well. Her eyes are indeed very much like that of her fathers.

Though his blood runs through her she has risen to become one of Castro's most outspoken critics. The crowd gathered around her listened intently as Revuelta recalled her impoverished childhood growing up as the illegitimate daughter of Fidel Castro. "People came to me with their concerns, their troubles, their tragedies, wanting me to reach Castro, my father, a man I could not even reach myself," stated a solemn Revuelta.

It was not until the age of ten when she discovered her father was one of the most powerful men in all of Cuba. Revuelta recalled memories of Castro's infrequent visits to their home late at night, portraying him as a hairy man wreathed in a cloud



Alina Fernandez Revuelta

of cigar smoke. "When he used to come and visit my mother's eyes lit up like two candles. My grandma called him the devil; she hated him."

Describing in intimate detail her life growing up in Cuba, Revuelta witnessed her country transform before her eyes and was powerless to stop conditions from deteriorating. At the age of three she remembers Mickey Mouse being replaced on the television by her father shouting execution orders.

"The cartoons were replaced by hairy men-for 50 years," she said.

During her early adult life Revuelta was a model and public relations director for a Cuban fashion company. Disappointed at the state of the country, friends from the United States sent her enough money to engineer her escape to Spain. Doused in Chanel Perfume, Revuelta placed a pair of dark oversized sunglasses over her eyes and marched through the airport disguised as a tourist chattering loudly and purposely as she slipped into a plane that would fly her away from a lifetime of struggles.

Fourteen years since the day of her escape Revuelta resides in Miami, Florida with her daughter and has not looked back since. It

has been over twenty years since she has spoken with her father and she prefers to keep it that way.

Her mother still resides in Cuba and corresponds with her daughter occasionally through emails. She says she will never join her daughter in the United States. Leaving Cuba behind would be like abandoning her identity. It is the land that holds memories of hope and strife and feelings for a certain man that have not tarnished over the years.

In a telephone interview Alina Fernandez Revuelta discussed openly her wishes and dreams for Cuba as well as private details and struggles within her own life.

**Q:** Your radio show *Simplemente Alina* devotes Wednesdays exclusively to Cuban politics. How do you picture Cuba's future politically twenty years from

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# From the Desk of: The Editor in Chief



The WSC Student Voice has had a dramatic makeover this year, with much of the former staff graduating last year. The only member of the team from last year who has returned to the team is Jeffrey Moffett, who had served The Voice as editor-in-chief. Jeff has chosen not to run for an elected position this year, and plans to dedicate more time to academics interests in this, his senior year. Jeff will continue to report for The Voice and is playing a crucial role as a special adviser to the all-new staff. Without Jeff's guidance and advice, the new staff would be suffering tremendously, and the existence of The Voice could have been threatened. The Voice team, as well as the wider student body, owes Jeff a tremendous amount of gratitude.

The new staff at The Voice has some ambitious ideas which it hopes to implement over

this semester, including a much wider area of coverage including Student Government, Academic Policy, Board of Trustee meetings, Campus Sports, Campus Entertainment, community news and other areas. The staff of the Voice also hopes to bring the paper to an aggressive online presence in the near future.

If you are interested in working with The Voice, the editors keep office hours from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Monday and Wednesday and 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Tuesday and Thursday. There is also a team meeting on Tuesday at 2:30 P.M. that is open to anyone who can make the time to attend.

The Voice hopes to bring students on board in many areas including Campus Sporting Events, Campus Entertainment

Events, Campus Presentations and Lectures, Student Government Reporting, Board of Trustees Reporting, Academic Policy Reporting, Community Events, Supporting Researchers and Analysts and Business Students interested in supporting Advertising.

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## A World of Difference

Kelly Fellows  
Staff Writer

Alright, I want you to think back to what you did last Spring Break. Can you remember it? Sitting on a beach watching the sun set over the Pacific Ocean, a bonfire at your back? How about going to a marketplace and bartering your way to better deals, like an \$8 bag that in any US retailer would easily go for \$40? Climbing a volcano? Teaching kids how to live a healthier way of life? Helping native Spanish speakers how to converse in English so that they may go to the local university? If that doesn't sound familiar to you, then chances are you didn't get the wonderful opportunity to travel to Nicaragua last Spring Break with the ASB group at WSC.

ASB, short for Alternative Spring Break, is currently 8 people strong, and we are looking to expand our group this year. While this vacation may not be the insane parties you see on MTV, we feel that it is much more enjoyable because most importantly, you remember it. It is a chance to witness another culture and entirely different ways of living. It's also a chance to become well-traveled, which in today's world is crucial for any career.

One of the most striking things about this trip is the chance to see how alike humanity really is, yet how different at the same time. We got the chance to talk with people that understood less English than we understood of Spanish, and somehow we managed to communicate just fine.

During the English class that we were able to sit in on, some of the ASB students exchanged email addresses with some of the

## Admin Village Road: A Two Way Street

Jeffrey Moffett  
Staff Writer

Worcester State College is full of divisions. Residential students tend to remain on the upper campus while commuter students tend to flock to the lower sections. Nontraditional students usually come at night while traditional students rule the day. On October 9, one of the most controversial divisions of the school will come to an end. The road between the Admin Village and the Learning Resource Center will once again be open to two way traffic.

The Roadway between the Admin Village and the LRC had been restricted to one way traffic since the beginning of the semester. This was done to lessen the congestion of traffic that was expected from opening the new parking garage. By doing this, campus was virtually split in two. A student would have to go onto May Street to reach the parking garage from the Student Center.

This action was extremely unpopular with commuter students. Commuter Sarah Wilson complains that "There is only one major exit now. In the evening it takes forever to get off of campus. I used to go the other way"

(referring to the exit near the parking garage). Addressing student complaints, the senate wrote to the administration decrying the new traffic flow.

Responding to these complaints, President Janelle Ashley issued a letter to the student body on the issue. The letter states that "Following a review of the traffic flow pattern instituted at the beginning of the semester, we have now determined that the congestion of pedestrian traffic exiting from the garage does not necessitate the roadway in front of the Admin Village to be **one way only**. Therefore, commencing on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, the following traffic patterns will be in effect:

- Roadway will be open to two way traffic.
- Traffic in front of the Admin Village will be **two way** traffic
- The roadway/hill between the LRC and the garage will be two lanes and **ONE WAY**
- The left hand lane will be for the garage entrances and the right hand lane will lead up to the residence
- Exiting the campus may now be done so at **both** the North and South gates and will help to eliminate congestion at these points"

Nicaraguan students and have kept in touch with them since March.

And just a few more of the activities we did, which may entice you to join us, we also climbed inside a lava tube, stood on the edge of an active volcano, and helped to repair the seats for an outdoor baseball field.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, get in touch with Carrie

Rice in Sullivan 220 or email her at [crice@worchester.edu](mailto:crice@worchester.edu)

If you would like to learn more about Nicaragua, there will be a course offered in the spring semester called "the Nicaraguan Experience". Hope to see you there!

### The Student Vice of Worcester State College

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# Let the man Speak

Thomas W. Marino III  
Editor in Chief

Fidel Castro has come to the United States four times since coming to power in 1959, in February 1960 delivering a scathing speech at the United Nations against the United States. He has been protested and demonized, in many cases rightfully, and then the Castro show went home. The next day, the world was pretty much exactly the same as it was the day before. Nothing happened.

Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the "Evil Empire," gave a speech before the United Nations in September of 1960 that lasted over two hours and practically declared war on the entire institution of the U.N. Days later he interrupted proceedings with table banging, yelling and finger pointing. If you've never seen it, it's fantastic comedy. After the grandstanding was over, the Khrushchev show packed up and went home. The next day the sun did rise. Nope, nothing happened.

You can follow a similar pattern with Yasser Arafat in 1974 or Hugo Chavez in 2005. They came to the U.N.; people got upset; the speakers said words; some of it was grandstanding stupidity; they packed up their sideshow and left; the world carried on. Twice is a coincidence, three times is a pattern, four is a trend. All the big bad boogey men came and went home and no one got hurt. Sticks and stones...

President Ahmadinejad of Iran appeared at the U.N. on September 25 and the trend proved itself, but this boogey man had another stop on the agenda: Columbia University. The president of Columbia, Lee Bollinger had issued a formal request for the Iranian President to speak there. Ahmadinejad accepted and the hawks sharpened their nails.

When asked about his choice of speakers, Bollinger indicated that he would invite even Hitler to speak, if that was possible. The hawks descended, and for days Bollinger was beat to a pulp in the media for allegedly promulgating the rhetoric of the Iranian leader. When the event took place on September 24, Bollinger launched a lengthy diatribe against Ahmadinejad, closing with: "Today I feel all the weight of the modern civilized world yearning to express the revulsion at what you stand for. I only wish I could do better." Many critics considered Bollinger's opening statements a contrived attempt to resurrect his reputation.

Ahmadinejad spoke for some time, drawing laughter at the sheer stupidity of some of his comments, especially the now famous: "In Iran, we don't have homosexuals, like in your country."

If you take issue with or find fault in a person and/or what he stands for, you should encourage them to speak. Those who think Ahmadinejad represents a faulty ideology didn't need their own contrived outrage, they just needed to listen to the man prove them right.

Like it or not, Ahmadinejad was

elected by millions of Iranians to a position in which he represents a country of 70 million people. He may very well be a horrible human being, but students, and Americans as a whole, can figure that out for themselves.

Lee Bollinger did what the leader of an academic institution should be expected to do; he gave his students the opportunity to see for themselves and make up their own minds. We don't need the "talking head" personalities who masquerade as journalists to tell us what to think, and we certainly don't need the government filtering information for our consumption. Lee Bollinger gave his students, and anyone else interested enough to tune into the live broadcast on the internet, a chance to hear it right from the horse's mouth.

Bollinger should be commended, not be made into yet another boogey man.

## MASSPIRG Credit Card Petition

Thomas W. Marino III  
Editor-in-Chief

The Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG) lobbied students on October 11, to support campus policies against credit card vendors who use what WSC MASSPIRG leader Andrew Shea called "unfair practices and penalty fees that take advantage of consumers." Shea added, "It's hard to be on campus and not see a credit card flyer hawking a 0% teaser rate, or running into a vendor."

Handing out lollipops which had "Don't Be A Sucker" written across the packaging, Shea and WSC junior Justin Gaucher gathered signatures for support of responsible credit card marketing practices in hopes that they will be adopted by the college.

MASSPIRG launched a new campaign website filled with more information about credit card industry practices at [www.truthaboutcredit.org](http://www.truthaboutcredit.org).

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## Are You a Beauty or a Geek?

What do you think is more important, being beautiful or intelligent?

The answer isn't as easy as you might think. Those of you who would choose beauty probably take care of your own appearance and believe that physical attraction is essential in a relationship. This is true to a certain extent. If you aren't at least a little attracted to your significant other then you are basically just hanging out with your friend. Whereas you who choose brains over beauty truly feel that physical appearance should be extra; or you don't want to be perceived as shallow. If there's nothing beyond mutual attraction, then the relationship probably isn't going to last long. Generally a person's appearance is the first thing that you notice. However, if they don't have anything to back up their looks you lose interest.

The media has been a contributing factor in people's perception of what makes a beautiful person, and/or an intelligent person. Someone who is considered a typical beauty is stereotyped as nothing more than that. They are thought to have no opinions when it comes to politics or world affairs and only read fashion or sports magazines. If you find yourself in this category, my advice would be to read the paper or to watch the news. This will give you something to discuss other than Britney Spears's latest mishap or what television show was on the other night. Don't just rely on your looks to get you by. Most people won't care if you got a cute new hair cut or if you have six-pack.

On the other hand; someone

who is intelligent, or a geek, is usually thought of as plain and socially awkward. They are book smart and have opinions but lack confidence and physical attractiveness. If you fit into this category my suggestion to you is not to imitate actors or models; just try to look like the best version of yourself. Confidence makes people more attractive so don't be afraid to involve yourself in more activities inside and outside of school. Small changes like this make a difference in how others view you.

After asking someone of the students at Worcester State, I've learned that people struggle with choosing one over the other. This is mostly because they were either afraid that they would appear shallow or that choosing intelligence would imply that they aren't attractive. I gave sixteen random students anonymous ballots hoping to receive more honest answers. The results were the same for each gender; seven votes each for brains and one vote each for beauty. This would indicate that intelligence is more important, at least for the students at Worcester State. However, it was a small sample, not showing the whole schools opinion and I still cannot be sure if the answers were honest. Can you answer for yourself now what's more important? It's a double-edged sword, no matter how you answer it, it could be considered wrong. People seem to want the whole package, brains and beauty.

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# STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Alternative Spring Break Meeting @ 2:30pm Sullivan 220	3 SEC & SC/SA Lecture: Inside Iraq, 11:30am-1:30, BL	4 Commuter Services & CAB: Commuter Coffee Hour, 9-11am Sullivan Commons	5	6 Campus Ambassadors Movie Night, 8pm Campus Ministry House
7 	8 Columbus Day No Classes	9 TWA Salsa Dancing Lessons	10 SEC Comedian: Barron Vaughn 8:30pm, BL	11 	12 SC/SA Smores & Cider, Dowden Quad 8-10pm	13 CA Game Night, 8-10pm Campus Ministry House
14 Catholic Mass, 6pm Dowden Hall Lounge	15 	16 SC/SA Diversity Lecture: Dave Pallone 11:30am, BL SEC Psychic Fair, 10-2, EA TWA Salsa Lessons 6-9pm, SHL	17 SEC: Ghost Hunter, 8pm N/S	18	19 Sibling Sleepover, 6pm, SHL Hall of Fame Dinner, 6pm, BL Sibling Sleepover & SEC Movie: Harry Potter 5, 8:30pm, SHL Video Game Tourney, 9pm N/S (Spon by Surreal Games)	20 Family Weekend & President Brunch: 11am-1pm, BL Family Activities: 2-5pm, Gym Lot Football vs. Mass Maritime, 4pm (fireworks immediately after game) Family Feud Gameshow, 8pm, BL (Spon by: Class Officers)
21 Sr Capping, 2pm, EA Sr. Reception, Café (Immediately following capping) Catholic Mass, 6pm DHL	22	23 TWA Salsa Lessons 6-9pm, SHL	24 SEC Hump Day Harmony: Holiday, 8:30pm, OLP 	25 Scary Halloween Movie Marathon 3:30pm-Horror Lecture 4:00pm: Movie 5:30pm Free Dinner OLP	26 Commuter Services: Game Night, Living Room 8-10pm	27 CA Prayer Night, Ministry House, 8pm
28 SC/SA Movie: & Pumpkin Carving SHL, 2pm Catholic Mass, 6pm, DHL	29 SEC Movie: Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix, 7pm, SHL	30 SEC Movie: Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix, 1pm, OLP TWA Salsa Lessons 6-9pm, SHL	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b> Party Living Room, 11-2	BL: Blue Lounge OLP: One Lancer Place N/S: North/South Auditorium ST: Science & Tech DHL: Dowden Hall 		



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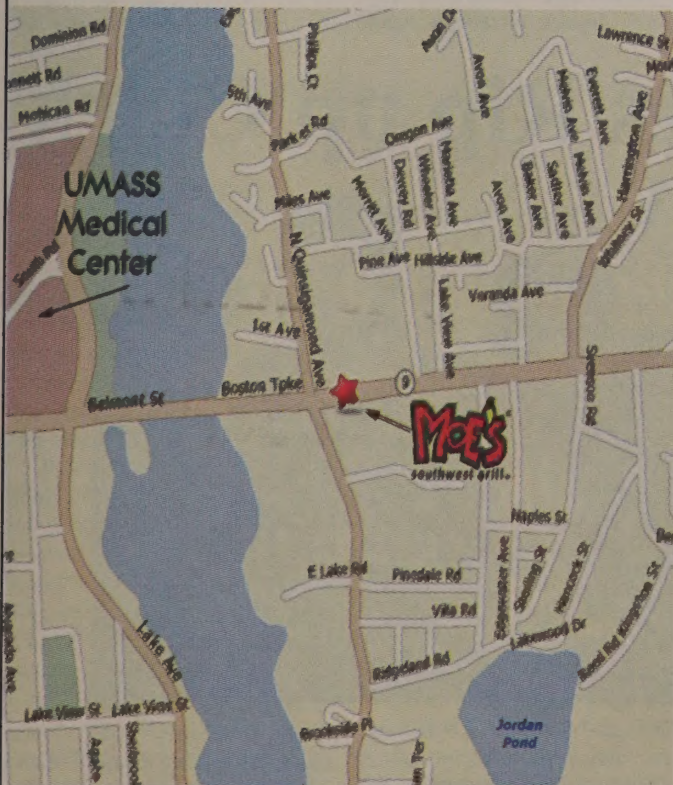
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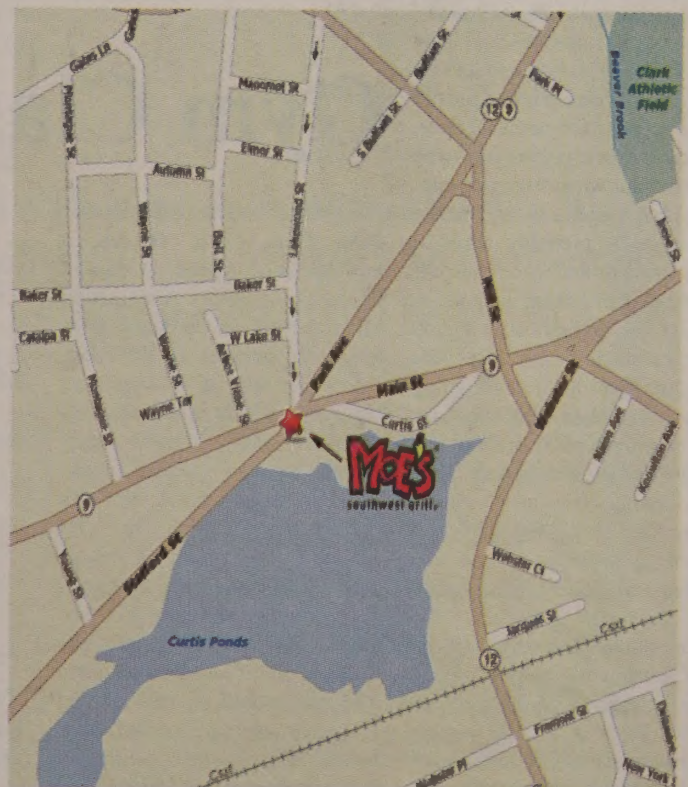
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## Words From the Bottom of the Barrell

(note: this didn't actually happen)

*This year Nashoba Regional High School decided to do something special for 2007 commencement ceremony. Instead of having the Salutatorian and the Valedictorian parade in front of the class this year, why not share some of the glory with the opposite end of the scale, by giving kids from 98<sup>th</sup> percentile a chance to share their thoughts, wisdom, and ambitions? Sure, they may not be master orators whose words embrace the eloquence and rhetoric we have all come to expect from the usual pretentious, haughty overachiever who quotes Churchill to us, inebriated on his/her own inflated ego. But wouldn't we all enjoy the ceremony better with a little less pomp and a little more circumstance?*

"Umm, good evening, ladies and gentlemen, to Nashoba's 2011, um, sorry, 2007 Graduation Ceremony. Whoa, you know you're really stoned when you start to lose track of what year it is...Did I just say that aloud? Oh, umm, well, I would just like to say that it is an honor and a pleasure to be here tonight. When Mr. Howard came to me in shop class and said how would you like to write a speech for this year's ceremony thing, I said "Hey man, what's in it for me? I'm already in three study halls, conversational English, Home Ec. and shop class. I was afraid I'd be spreading myself too thin, but as Americans, it is our duty to rise to the occasion. So I said, I'll do it, and here I am. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "If you don't get off your butt and make something of yourself, you deserve to be shot." So, you might be thinking, what are my asp-asp, ir, how do you say that word? Aspirations? Thanks Mrs. T. Well I'm going to let you in on a something that I've picked up these past few nanoseconds, err, years. Not everyone gets to be an Astronaut when they grow up. Yeah, that's right, all you Lexus driving snobs, probably itchin' to come up here and knock me off the stage; I'm talking to you. A guy like me, and probably a good forty percent of the graduates here probably don't have much going for us other than the following: A.) employment at a dead end job B.) getting knocked up, yeah I'm looking at you Courtney, C.) welfare D.) drug addiction E.) being someone's pimp at a correctional facility. What comes after E.)? Oh whatever. You get my point. The only way our society can work, and by work, I mean let the rich continue to live as they do, is if a large number of proletariats submit to the rules and regulations that society has imposed upon them. The farmer is nothing without the horse to plow his fields. The weakest link breaks the whole chain. Friends, family, I was asked to stand before you here tonight as a joke, but whether or not you care to look beyond the joke and see a lesson to be learned is up to you. I am not up here to try to deliver as comparable a speech as our valedictorian could, not for one

month could anyone have thought that when they asked me here in Leonard's stead. I am humbly up here before you all to ask that you remember me, and those like me. We may not all be able to achieve greatness, and barely catch of glimpse of it as it passes us by, but with out the cogs, or a solid foundation, there would be no greatness achieved by anyone.

Up until now, we have all basically traveled the same path, but that's about to change. Some of you already know where you're going. You have a map, AAA (Triple A) and Daddy's paying for your gas money. Or maybe you don't know where you're going and end up on a dirt path that is riddled with pot holes, poisonous snakes, hobos, and to top it all off, is really an old go cart track, which smells like cat pee.

Class of 1918, I wish you all the best. Those of you that can, go get your master and doctorate degrees! As for the rest of you, you'll have to be content with degrees of the first, second and third variety. Those of you who have worked in the fast food industry know what I'm talking about.

In freshman orientation someone once told me to, "...sit down, shut up and you'll be out of here in four years". It took me 6 and a half, but nonetheless it was good advice. I probably could have gone eight if I hadn't heard it, so I'll leave the younger generation with that. Thanks for your time everyone. Nashoba Rules! Gooooooo Sea Captains! (Actually Nashoba is home to the Chieftans).

On Tuesday, September 25th, Gym Class Heroes, a hip-hop band, made a stop at Clark University. Anticipation filled the air as the lines grew longer to entrance of the show. Doors opened at 7:00pm and the gym quickly filled up with anxious college students ready to jam to their favorite music.

The night started off with performances from by DJ Abilities. He offered a unique show, but a majority of the crowd seemed bored with his selections. He had the crowd dancing at one moment and then all of a sudden everyone would be still, hoping his next selection would offer better beats. Another opening act followed known as "The Pack", a group of talented young rappers. They pumped up the crowd with their rendition of the popular song "Crank that Soulja Boy". They pranced around the stage, trying to captivate the audience with their dance moves. They tried to get the audience involved by singing along, even though most of the crowd did not know the words.

Finally, Gym Class Heroes slowly walked onto the stage.

# Peony in Love: A Review

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*Peony in Love*

Lisa See's "Peony in Love" takes you into a world of hope, unrequited love, hatred, sorrow, and discovery; all contained behind the doors of the women's chambers. This is where Peony, an unmarried maiden of relatively good standing lives her short life. The book begins at the opening of the celebration of double seven; the seventh day of the seventh month of the year. Peony is getting to see something that few girls, or even women, ever get to see. Her father has conspired with a small troupe of actors to perform the opera "The Peony Pavilion" in their very own home. For three days, Peony is to live her dream for three nights - she is obsessed with the opera and owns eleven of thirteen available copies of it. It is during this time that she meets her own poet, somewhat like the one in the opera. After this meeting, she becomes lovesick; she wastes away by refusing to eat, and writing sorrowful poetry. She dies, and that is where the real story begins. She goes on, as a ghost, to follow her betrothed and see to it that he is happy.

See, as in her popular book "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," uses her knowledge of Chinese customs and rules, as well as the history of women in China to paint a picture that the reader cannot help but be drawn into. Having extensive knowledge about things such as foot binding, and honoring ancestors properly allows her the freedom to expand on these topics and weave them flawlessly into her story amongst the main character's feelings and viewpoint. On page 44, See gives us an example of a Chinese

custom described and defined, and then related to the character, "The written character for mother love is composed of two elements: love and pain. I had always thought this emotion was felt by daughters for their mothers, who inflict pain on us by binding our feet, but looking at Second Aunt's tears and my mother's courage I realized this emotion was for them."

Sorrow and lovesickness are large parts of the story. They lead to Peony's death, and the events that cause her to become a ghost. See crafts a number of tasty little snippets of poetry that express depths of sorrow beyond what a young woman should ever experience. One of them, on page 49, written by someone very close to Peony, weaves its way throughout the historical recount of the Manchu invasion, to relate to Peony during her afterlife as she follows her husband.

"The trees are bare.

In the distance, the honks of mourning geese.

If only my tears of blood could dye red the blossoms of the plum tree.

But I will never make it to spring. My heart is empty and my life has no value anymore.

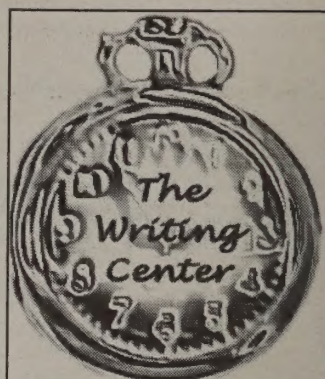
Each moment a thousand tears."

One of the few negative comments one could make about the book is that after Peony's death, the book also becomes insubstantial, sometimes confusing. Peony becomes less colorful as a character, and fades more to shades of grey, as she only develops very slowly. This could be related to the fact that she is a ghost, and as such, no longer has the color of life.

Overall, Lisa See weaves a wonderfully entertaining story like a master craftsman would

weave an intricate tapestry. It draws you in from the very beginning, much like "Snow Flower," and keeps your attention by using two separate climaxes indicated the end of Peony's life, and the end of her afterlife. While the first climax centers on Peony's internal conflicts over marriage and love of a man she thinks she can never have, the second involves outside influences and another spirit.

I also recommend that you read Lisa See's other novels, including "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," and "Flower Net."



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## Gym Class Heroes Rip up Clark



The girls screamed and the guys jeered; excitement filled the air. Everyone was trampling each other to get as close to the stage as possible, even if it meant elbowing and punching their neighbors. Travis McCoy, lead singer, sang popular favorites such as "Make Out Club", "Taxi Driver", and "Papercuts", from the album "The Paper Cut Chronicles". During the middle of the show, McCoy brought one lucky girl onto the stage and serenaded the songs "Beautiful

Girl" and "Cupid's Chokehold", as they danced on stage.

The crowd thought that the show ended, but in a couple of minutes the band started playing their newest hit, "Clothes Off". McCoy decided he'd roam throughout the audience while performing. He walked amongst the fans, giving the back of the audience a chance to be closer to him.

The show was a hit and every college student left the gym enthused and pleased with their performance. Mel Plant, a student

from Worcester State College said, "I just liked the performance in general. They did a really good job and got the audience involved with their songs which I think always makes it better. They are a great band with great songs! I had tons of fun!" The \$10 ticket was not a waste as all. Try to catch this great band next time they are around the area or another college.



**Castro**  
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now?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** (Passionately) More than anything I want to see Democracy in Cuba. I want to see the power in the hands of the people. Eventually I think they will find a way to when the Castro name is removed from power.  
**Q:** There have been a lot of rumors circulating that your father has died. Do you have any inside sources?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** Yes those rumors are everywhere but, the truth is no one knows. The institution keeps everything so quiet. Only very few know what's exactly going on and they are under strict orders to keep silent.

**Q:** So you haven't heard anything from your family in Cuba of his health?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** You know it's sad because I really don't have any contact with them. Once you stand against the beliefs of my father everyone, the whole country turns against you, even your own blood.

**Q:** Seeing your country change so much was what led ultimately to your leaving it. What was going through your mind when you stepped on to that plane in disguise as a tourist?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** Scary, but, it's like Las Vegas in this country. If you are never willing to take a risk you will never know the outcome of it. It's like a 50/50 chance; looking back I am glad I did it though.

**Q:** Since leaving Cuba do you ever miss your early days as a model?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** Oh sure I do, it was one big adventure for me (laughs). Three days a week we would do runway fashion shows in an old warehouse; there were twenty-something of us. It

**Finally, Something Good On!**

**Chrissy Kenney**  
Layout Editor

Lancer Vision Television starts off this year full-force, with an image of success in mind. Despite losing some of its key members due to graduation, the school's organization has gained a highly qualified new E-board, as well as some ready-to-learn newcomers.  
Returning to this year's programming will be the witty, yet informative, talk-show and improvisational routines of "Happy Hour," still airing during the Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., time slot. Taking the veteran place of alumni student Steven Boudreau for the show, freshman Brianna Sasso is sure to put a nice breath of fresh air on the "bartender" role she has attained.  
Also leaving his standard role on the show as the male host, Craig Tiffany has opted to fully devote his time to his position as president of the organization, leaving freshmen Ray Gonzales to eagerly fill in alongside last year's female host, Bethany Morrill. Shaelyn Landanno, Nathan Yelle, Chaz Klemba, and Stephanie "Tilly" Tilburg will be performing as

was a lot less rich than the shows in America of course but, it was a lot of fun at the time.  
**Q:** It was from your own experience modeling which you wrote the book A Leaf of Lettuce addressing issues such as your own struggle with anorexia. Is this something you still deal with today?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** (Turning serious) I am fine now. I wrote the book for Spain because it is such a big problem in that country. You hear the stories of models starving themselves to death more and more lately. It's all around us though, the pressure to be thin, in the magazines we read, on the television. Being underweight has become part of the career.

**Q:** Your other book has come under fire from your own family including a lawsuit filed from your Aunt saying its purpose is to defame your family. Was that your intention?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** I spoke the truth. I was completely honest in my book. If I hurt people in the process then that is what had to happen to get the truth in the open.

**Q:** Is there anything you have always wanted to do but never had the chance?  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** (Pause) Well I was half way through my medical career. I had this aspiration to be a doctor. There were circumstances that came up, you know? The baby kind of changed everything. I think I will leave that dream to the younger generation.

**Montgomery:** Thank you for speaking so frankly Alina it was a pleasure to have you visit Worcester State College and share your story.  
**Alina Fernandez Revuelta:** Well, it is a great college and I enjoyed visiting there. Thank you for having me.

the improvisational crew, all of which are freshmen. Kevin Stuart, last year's president as well as co-founder of LVTV, thinks that the new "Happy Hour" will be "very successful. It is already better than what we did last year, and last year's was good."  
Along with showing eight movies a month, also added to the schedule for LVTV is a new program. "Woo Sports" is an ESPN-modeled talk show discussing the newest major happenings in sports on and off campus, airing on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Trying out this new concept of a show are hosts Craig Tiffany and Michael Lambias.  
Advisors Tom White and Julian Berrian have high hopes for the organization during this year. White states, "This is a growing year. We are going to up our programming and try and get involved in the community activity." With such a thriving new cast and growing organization, there is only one way to see if the station will live up to its hopeful expectations. Tune into channel eleven on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. to judge for yourself!

**LVTV October Schedule**

**Monday Oct. 15**

9:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

12:00 Woo Sports

12:30 Knocked Up

3:00 The Number 23

6:00 Bug

**Tuesday Oct. 16**

9:00 The Condemned

12:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

2:00 Happy Hour

3:00 The Devil's Rejects

6:00 The Decent

8:00 Woo Sports

12:30 The Number 23

**Wednesday Oct. 17**

9:00 The Decent

12:00 Woo Sports

12:30 Number 23

2:00 Bug

4:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

6:00 Knocked Up

**Thursday Oct. 18**

9:00 The Condemned

12:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

2:00 Happy Hour

3:00 The Devil's Rejects

6:00 The Decent

8:00 Woo Sports

**Friday Oct. 19**

9:00 The Devil's Rejects

12:00 The Condemned

8:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

5:00 The Decent

**Monday Oct. 22**

9:00 The Decent

12:00 Happy Hour

1:00 The Devil's Rejects

3:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

6:00 The Number 23

**Tuesday Oct. 23**

9:00 The Condemned

12:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

2:00 Happy Hour

3:00 The Devil's Rejects

6:00 The Decent

8:00 Happy Hour

8:30 Knocked Up

**Wednesday Oct. 24**

9:00 The Decent

12:00 Woo Sports

12:30 The Number 23

2:00 Bug

4:00 The Condemned

**Thursday Oct. 25**

9:00- House of 1,000 Corpses

12:00 Woo Sports

12:30- Knocked Up

3:00 The Number 23

6:00 Bug

8:00 Woo Sports

8:30 The Decent

**Friday Oct. 26**

9:00 The Condemned

12:00- House of 1,000 Corpses

2:00 Happy Hour

3:00 The Devil's Rejects

5:00 The Decent

**Monday Oct. 29**

9:00- The Decent

12:00- Happy Hour

1:00 The Devil's Rejects

3:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

6:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

8:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

8:30 Knocked Up

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3:00 Bug

5:00 House of 1,000 Corpses

7:00 Knocked Up





# POLICE LOGS

September 1st to September 30th



## Lady Lancers Beat Keene State

**9/1/2007**  
**8:15 PM**  
a student called ...WSC Police ...to see if we might have found an IPOD....The student lost it yesterday....Its the old style/color black

**9/2/2007**  
**3:25 AM**  
unit 33 receive a noise complaint 2nd floor DH, Students were advised to calm down or go to their rooms. they agreed to disperse.

**11:25 AM**  
dispatch recieved a call from the athletic trainor.....bus carrying the football team broke down on rt 128....bus arrived at 12:25 with .5 of the players...the driver headed back for the rest.

**4:00 PM**  
Ma Reg 46SJ10 (Green Ford Taurus) is parked in the Dowden Hall lot and will be moved by 11pm tonight. Units 14,31, spoke with the roommate of this vehicle.

**9/3/2007**  
**8:30 AM**  
Assisted RD with removal of overnight visitors from Dowden hall.

**9/4/2007**  
**7:50 PM**  
units 31 and 14 responded to ....2 individuals seen by facilities.. in the elevator of the parking garage.....they were commuters looking at the new garage....all clear.

**9/5/2007**  
**9:45 PM**  
student inquired about keys that were lost tonight...WSC keychain w/jeep key and 2 room keys on it....nothing turned in at the moment.

**9/7/2007**  
**12:50 AM**  
unit 33 ...intervened, while a couple were arguing at cv 15-1..unit 33 will monitor.... both parties stated they are done arguing for the night.

**8:15 PM**  
units 19 and 23 responded to assist chartwell employees.....electric vehicle carrying supplies broke down...maintainers assisted.... pushed the vehicle into the 1st floor of the parking garage for the evening.

**9/8/2007**  
**2:20 AM**  
student from wasylean.502c... requested assistance with a cut finger ....resident jammed it in a car door....used first aid\ kit... dispatch suggested if she needs more assistance to let us know.

**6:50 PM**  
units 23 and 19 patrolled campus and assisted with traffic....from the spectators and players of football game....the one way had to be utilized ...because of conjection of motor vehicles and

the athletes bus.  
**9/11/2007**  
**3:30 PM**  
Unit 19 reponded to CV 1-1 for a problem with Main door. Problem is with door itself, lock is working. Maintenance notified.

**9/13/2007**  
**8:45 PM**  
unit 19.....noticed....telephone closet on 1st flr or dowden hall...is unlocked and off track... work order has been written by dispatch.

**9:10 PM**  
a professor dropped off...found cell phone in lower campus parking lot..... to the police office...owner of cell phone ...has been notified.

**9:35 PM**  
unit 19 responded to ....smoke detector alarm....CV 18-3....burnt pizza....all clear.

**11:00 PM**  
unit 21 partially secured the parking garage...one vehicle remaining....left one exit door open.....update/patrolled at 12:30am vehicle is still there..... update/ 1:25am vehicle is still there.

**9/15/2007**  
**1:55 AM**  
unit 15 notified dispatch...ma reg#57LB56....vehicle windows are open and its raining....dispatch notified RA's ...to knock on the residents door and....inform the resident.

**9/16/2007**  
**2:45 PM**  
Officer 18 responded to a fire alarm in Wasylean Hall room 510. Cooking sausage on a dirty burner. All clear and alarm reset.

**5:28 PM**  
removed kids from S&T bldg. playing soccer on the grass.

**9/18/2007**  
**9:57 AM**  
A student reported hitting a parked car while trying to park his car.

**9/19/2007**  
**11:25 PM**  
unit 31 stated ...5 males kicking soccer ball...which is hitting vehicles...unit 15 requested they play ....in an area without parked vehicles.

**9/20/2007**  
**6:15 PM**  
Student twisted knee while in dance class. Transported to health services to be checked out. 1915 23 escorted student back to Dowden hall.

**6:45 PM**  
a call from the student center smell of gas in the area of the Foster room. Checked out food services have function using burners.

**9/21/2007**  
**10:00 PM**  
student stated....a silver sedan.. plate unknown...with 2 male individuals....driver w/braided hair...whistled and asked her to come in their vehicle.....unit 23... checked campus....no vehicle or individuals of stated description found.

**9/22/2007**  
**1:45 PM**  
unit 17 received a call from a neighbor complaining that the on field music was too loud. He spoke w/ coach Baker who turned the music down.

**9/23/2007**  
**8:45 AM**

Officers 17 and 18 tried to turn off all lights in garage. Unsuccessful in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. Stairwell lights are off. Email sent to proper personal to rectify problem.

**5:25 PM**  
A student called to report his room was broken into over the weekend. He said the room was trashed and his computer was stolen. See report

**9:40 PM**  
Patrolman #15 and #23 investigated a complaint of marijuana odor coming from Chandler Village 11-1B.

**9/25/2007**  
**7:51 AM**  
unit 16 recieved call from wsc resident student about stolen laptop traced on computrace: student forwarded info to day shift lt

**9/27/2007**  
**5:00 AM**  
parents of a nonstudent asked police to check a room to try and locate their daughter. units 33, 24 & 21 checked the location. no one was home. informed parents.

**9/29/2007**  
**12:00 AM**  
RA's requested assistance... unit 18 responded...a wasylean resident ...was an unwanted guest in Dowden hall rm 247...Officer requested wasylean resident to return to his own residence.

**9/30/2007**  
**1:45 AM**  
unit 33 ...interceded with an argument between ... a male and female..outside of Wasylean hall.....see report.

The Worcester State Women's Soccer team pulls a victory over Keene State winning 3-0. The Keene State Women' soccer team put up a good fight, but they could not compare to Worcester's well-organized plays, and tough defense.

Worcester State started off on a good note with the only goal in the first half. The co-captain, Lauren Cush of Hudson, Massachusetts, kicked a 25 yard shot into the opposing net, then giving them the lead 1-0. The swift moves of Junior, Katelyn Bonetti of Plymouth, MA aided her in having an outstanding game when she scored the next two goals in the 53rd and 63rd minute marks.

The crowd felt tension during the last three minutes of the game, as Keene State struggled to keep up with Woo State. Keene tried to throw some punches, but that did not slow down our girls. Erin Doherty (Uxbridge, MA) did not let one ball slip, even during the last minutes of the game when Keene tried their best to score. She stopped three balls for the Lancers, while Keene State's keeper, Samantha Hirsh, made five saves.

The Lancers, now 6-4, will host MCLA, on October 6th; while Keene State, now with a record of 6-5-1, will host Rhode Island College.

## Should WSC Campus Police carry firearms?

Voice your opinion on this topic. there are 2 ways to do this:

1. Contact your Student Trustee, Brandon Huggon. You can email him at [bhuggon@worchester.edu](mailto:bhuggon@worchester.edu) or visit his office in the Stuent Center Living room. (office hours posted on door)
- or
2. Come to the Trustee meeting this thursday, October 18, at 3:00 in the Foster Room. (third floor of student center). Both the president and chief of police will be there answering ques-tions about the proposal.